

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-8, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 17-29 are pending for allowance.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art(s) of record discloses(s) subject matter common in scope to the present application, e.g., communicating data to plural mobile stations over a wireless link and sending a broadcast message to the plural mobile stations, the broadcast message setting a maximum rate transmission for the plural mobile stations.

But, in agreement with the applicant's arguments, said prior art(s) fail to disclose wherein the broadcast message further includes a particular data rate that is to be used by the plural mobile stations over the reverse wireless link, as required by at least independent claims 1, 13, 20, 21, and 26; and wherein sending the broadcast message to the plural mobile stations comprises sending the broadcast message to cause the plural mobile stations to set respective data rates to a value less than or equal to an autonomous data rate of each of the corresponding mobile stations, wherein the autonomous data rate is useable by the corresponding mobile station operating in autonomous mode in which the corresponding mobile station is able to transmit data over the reverse wireless link without being scheduled, as required by at least independent claim 10.

Claim(s) 2-8, 12, 17-19, 22-25, and 27-29 are allowable by virtue of their dependency on claim(s) 1, 13, 20, 21, and 26 respectively.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Dwayne Bost, can be reached at (571) 272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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